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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0587

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOM POSITION ON LARAF ATTACK ON U. S. AIRCRAFT

1. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH MINCFA SECRETARY ABELA AT SOCIAL EVENT MAR 22, HE VOLUNTEERED THAT GOM DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN INCIDENT. HE NOTED ATTACK TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE, AND SAID NO REASON FOR MALTA SEEK EXPLANATIONS OR DETAILS FROM ANYONE. HE DID NOT MENTION FACT THAT GOM HAS TAPE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RAF AND U. S. AIRCRAFT.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ABELA'S COMMENTS ON GOM POSITION ACCURATE, AND PROBABLY REFLECT MINTOFF'S SENSITIVITY TO EVENTS THAT COULD ENGAGE MALTA, EVEN PERIPHERALLY, IN DISPUTE INVOLVING LIBYA. GETZ

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